

must have given the American cause a deadly wound if not a fatal stab. Happily, the treason has been timely discovered to prevent the fatal misfortune. The providential train of circumstances which led to it affords the most convincing proof that the liberties of America are the object of Divine protection."

As a result, Congress called for a national day of prayer and thanksgiving, declaring in the resolution, "It hath pleased Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, to rescue the person of our Commander-in-Chief and the army from imminent dangers at the moment when treason was ripened for execution. It is therefore recommended to the several States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer."

On this day, 220 years ago, Congress called on the people of the United States to openly thank God for protecting America, a lesson we should still remember today.

THE MEDIA SHOULD GIVE US THE FACTS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the media, newspapers, radio and TV stations, have a huge impact on our lives. They influence how we think and act.

Protected by the constitutional right to free speech, the media have few restraints on what they can say and do. They enjoy a "public trust" not to abuse their power. But I wonder how objective Washington political writers can be, when 89 percent acknowledged in a survey that they voted for Bill Clinton and AL GORE.

What concerns me is that we all need accurate and objective information if we are to reach informed opinions about national issues.

The media needs to treat their readers, listeners and viewers with respect, respect for their intelligence to make the right decisions for themselves and for our country. News stories should give us the unvarnished facts and then let us draw our own conclusions.

AMERICANS WANT A DEBT-FREE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, do you know what? AL GORE is a spender. He wants to spend \$1.4 trillion of our surplus on new government programs, eliminating any hope that Americans will get needed tax relief and stopping our efforts to eliminate our national debt.

Republicans have already successfully eliminated \$350 billion of public

debt and have dedicated 90 percent of the next year's surplus solely to debt reduction. Republicans will eliminate another \$240 billion in debt in the next year alone.

The choice is easy: Do you want to spend \$1.4 trillion in new government spending or have a debt-free America?

Mr. GORE needs to rip up his government credit card and join the Republicans in eliminating our national debt. Americans want, need, and deserve a responsible government and a debt-free America.

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AMERICA NEEDS NATIONAL POLICY ON ENERGY

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, this past week the administration announced that we were releasing fuel from our Strategic Reserve, and it had nothing to do with politics or the upcoming election.

And I thought, April Fools Day only came once a year.

This administration has proven that it has no energy policy, unless that means stealing secrets from Los Alamos, then they are quite inept. The administration goes after Microsoft, a domestic company with great entrepreneurs, and leaves OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum States, untouched.

We need in this country to create a national policy on energy. We need to look for alternative fuel sources and not be so reliant and so dependent on outside influences to take care of our oil. The recent announcement that we would release 30 million barrels of oil, as Tim Russert said on Meet the Press this week, will only last America 36 hours.

Mr. Speaker, we need a policy, not politics. We need help for American families, not quick sound bite solutions. We need new direction and new leadership, not the old standby rhetoric of saving America by using our most precious reserves for a political play rather than for helping American consumers.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make a

point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 332, nays 47, answered "present" 1, not voting 53, as follows:

[Roll No. 488]

YEAS—332

Abercrombie	Deusch	Kennedy
Ackerman	Diaz-Balart	Kildee
Aderholt	Dicks	Kind (WI)
Allen	Dixon	King (NY)
Andrews	Doggett	Kingston
Armey	Dooley	Klecza
Baca	Doolittle	Knollenberg
Bachus	Doyle	Kolbe
Baker	Dreier	Kuykendall
Baldacci	Duncan	LaFalce
Baldwin	Dunn	LaHood
Ballenger	Edwards	Lampson
Barcia	Ehlers	Lantos
Barr	Ehrlich	Largent
Barrett (NE)	Eshoo	Larson
Barrett (WI)	Etheridge	Latham
Bartlett	Evans	LaTourrette
Barton	Everett	Leach
Bass	Ewing	Lee
Becerra	Farr	Levin
Bentsen	Fletcher	Lewis (CA)
Bereuter	Foley	Lewis (GA)
Berkley	Forbes	Lewis (KY)
Berman	Fowler	Linder
Berry	Frank (MA)	Lipinski
Biggart	Frelinghuysen	Lofgren
Bilirakis	Frost	Lowey
Bishop	Gallegly	Lucas (KY)
Blagojevich	Ganske	Lucas (OK)
Bliley	Gejdenson	Luther
Blumenauer	Gekas	Maloney (CT)
Boehlert	Gephardt	Maloney (NY)
Boehner	Gilchrest	Manzullo
Bonilla	Gilman	Martinez
Bonior	Gonzalez	Mascara
Bono	Goode	Matsui
Boswell	Goodlatte	McCarthy (MO)
Boucher	Goodling	McCarthy (NY)
Boyd	Gordon	McGovern
Brady (TX)	Goss	McHugh
Brown (FL)	Graham	McInnis
Brown (OH)	Granger	McIntyre
Bryant	Green (TX)	McKeon
Burr	Green (WI)	McKinney
Buyer	Greenwood	Meehan
Callahan	Hall (TX)	Meek (FL)
Calvert	Hansen	Meeks (NY)
Camp	Hastings (WA)	Menendez
Canady	Hayes	Metcalfe
Cannon	Hayworth	Mica
Capps	Herger	Miller (FL)
Cardin	Hill (IN)	Miller, George
Carson	Hinojosa	Minge
Castle	Hobson	Moakley
Chabot	Hoeffel	Mollohan
Chambliss	Hoekstra	Moore
Clayton	Holden	Moran (VA)
Clement	Hooley	Morella
Clyburn	Hostettler	Murtha
Coble	Houghton	Myrick
Combest	Hoyer	Napolitano
Conyers	Hunter	Neal
Cook	Hutchinson	Nethercutt
Cooksey	Inslie	Ney
Cox	Isakson	Northup
Coyne	Istook	Norwood
Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Nussle
Cubin	Jackson-Lee	Obey
Cummings	(TX)	Olver
Cunningham	Jenkins	Ortiz
Davis (FL)	John	Ose
Davis (IL)	Johnson (CT)	Owens
Davis (VA)	Johnson, E.B.	Oxley
Deal	Johnson, Sam	Packard
DeGette	Jones (NC)	Pallone
Delahunt	Kanjorski	Pastor
DeLauro	Kaptur	Payne
DeLay	Kasich	Pease
DeMint	Kelly	Peterson (PA)